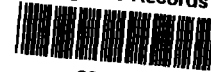




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October 6, 2005

Mr. Thomas Skinner
Regional Administrator
United State Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the support of this office regarding the inclusion of the Eagle Zinc Company site, located in Hillsboro, Illinois, on the National Priorities List.

The State of Illinois' evaluation of the Eagle Zinc Company site shows that past operating and disposal practices have resulted in uncontrolled releases of hazardous substances to the environment and surrounding community that pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment.

This office supports the inclusion of the Eagle Zinc Company site in the next proposed update to the National Priorities List.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rod Blagojevich".

Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor